

THE TOWN COMMON

Barrington, New Hampshire
Winter, 2005



Barrington Winter Festival 2005

Barrington Winter Festival had yet another successful year of events on February 11–13. Many community members enjoyed the diverse festivities with fun for all ages including: The Chili Cook Off and Death By Chocolate Cook Off, All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the BMS Athletic Department; Kid Chaos sponsored by the Discovery Learning Center; Snow Painting sponsored by the Barrington Public Library; A Texas Hold 'Em Tournament sponsored by the Friends of the Barrington Recreation Department; Breakfast and Crispy Crème Fundraiser sponsored by Lemon Yellow Sun Foundation; Snow Obstacle Course and Race sponsored by Edges; and the Basketball Horse Tourney sponsored by the Recreation Department. For more news and information on this successful event, visit Recreation News on page 5!



The 411 Around Town....

Planning Board News

This article will provide an update on the recent efforts by the Planning Board, Town officials and concerned citizens to update the Town's land-use regulations including amending the current Zoning Ordinance. As you may know, the Board contracted with RKG Associates of Durham to assist in the community effort to completely rewrite the Town's Master Plan to reflect goals and priorities for a community experiencing significant growth pressures. The Master Plan was the culmination of over one year's work and was adopted in 2004.

Shortly after adopting the Master Plan, the Planning Board, again in conjunction with RKG Associates, began a comprehensive review of the current Zoning Ordinance. The goal was to create an Ordinance that would reflect the themes and vision set forth in the new Master Plan. The Board is pleased to announce that we will put a proposed amended Zoning Ordinance on the March, 2005 ballot for consideration by the voters of the Town of Barrington.

The Ordinance, if adopted, would allow the Board to better respond to the challenge of managing growth while providing additional tools to encourage contiguous, meaningful open space protection, foster the "Village Center" concept that so many spoke of in the Master Plan hearings, encourage responsible and vibrant commercial growth to broaden the tax base while preserving the "rural" heritage of a town under modern "suburban" growth pressures.

It should be noted that, in the two-stage public hearing process for the proposed Zoning changes, the Board inadvertently missed several details on the "Table of Uses" page located at the very back of the proposed Ordinance. This error was quickly discovered and was brought to our attention. The changes were made prior to the second of the two hearings and this error was highlighted at the start of that meeting with time allowed for any public discussion. The Board felt it was necessary to make the changes to reflect the consistent policy, confirmed in the Master Plan and in the minutes of Board meetings, that allows for appropriate business uses within "residential" areas only after they have met a series of performance standards to ensure that the business can co-exist with their residential neighbors.

I encourage you to take a look at the proposed Zoning Ordinance. It is available both at the Town Office and on the Town's website and the Board sincerely appreciates your consideration. We would like to thank Mike Casino and Jim Hicks of RKG Associates for their guidance as well to thank the many community members who provided input all along the way in the effort to update the Town's land-use documents.

Whit Inzer
Chair, Barrington Planning Board

Barrington's Open Space Warrant— Investing in Conservation

Article 4, the open space warrant, will help stabilize our property taxes while preserving some of Barrington's rural character. Unanimously endorsed by the Selectmen and Budget Committee, the warrant will give our selectmen the authority to borrow up to \$800,000 to purchase land and or development rights.

The money will only be borrowed in the amount and at the time it is needed. If it is all borrowed at once, it will raise taxes by around 19 cents per thousand dollars of valuation for ten years.

New homes and the services they demand fuel tax growth, while open land helps keeps tax growth in check. For these financial reasons and more, New Hampshire voters approved over 44 major land protection warrants in the last three years. Similarly, 59.4% of Barrington voters voted for a \$1.1 million open space warrant last year. It lost by only 9 votes.

Another reason to act now is that Barrington is losing some of its most beautiful properties to development. As of December, Barrington had 140 proposed lots before the planning board. During the 1990's we averaged around 65. As one of the few remaining Southeastern NH towns with over 50 large undeveloped parcels, developers are targeting our town. While the planning boards proposed new zoning ordinance would help preserve open space, we need the open space warrant to ensure the protection of some of our most beautiful land before it is too late.

Some of the major developments approved or in the planning process:

Tolend Rd (Locke Falls)~ 20 lots
Cannan Back Rd ~ 4 lots
Rt 4 and Gerrior Dr ~ 25 lots
New Bow Lake Rd ~ 13 lots
Beauty Hill Rd (Wintergreen) ~ 7 lots
Rt 202 and Rt 9 ~ 17 lots
Rt 126 and Scruton Pond Rd ~ 41 lots
Oak Hill Rd North ~ 20 Lots
Beauty Hill Rd (Calef Island) ~ 17 Lots
Boulder Drive ~ 38 Lots

Barrington Chamber Golf Tournament

The Barrington Chamber of Commerce will hold their 12th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 3, 2005 at Nippo Lake Golf Club. The 18-hole 4 person scramble event will begin with a continental breakfast at 7:00 AM followed by an 8:00 AM shotgun. Cost is \$75.00 per person which includes breakfast, prizes, and a chicken and steak barbecue. Team registration deadline is May 16th. Tee and green sponsorships are available for \$80.00. Proceeds from the tournament are used to enhance the Chamber's Scholarship Fund, the Barrington Christmas Toy Drive and the Chamber's numerous community projects. It doesn't matter whether you are an avid golfer or just a once a year hacker, this tournament is for you. What a great way to start a 3-day weekend! For further information call Tina Maiorino at 664-8072. Team registration forms and sponsorship applications will be available on the Barrington Chamber website www.barringtonchamber.org.



The Barrington Food Pantry is in Need of Donations!

Especially Needed are Canned Goods, Specifically, Canned Fish, Meats, Stews, Fruits and Soups.



All Donations may be Dropped Off at the Barrington Town Hall, Monday Through Thursday, from 8am to 4:30 pm or at the Food Pantry any Thursday Evening from 6pm to 7:30pm.

Further Information may be Obtained by Calling Jeanne or Cheryl at 664-9007.

Your Kindness is Greatly Appreciated.

Library Warrant Article 2005 – Vote Yes

The public library will have a warrant request for \$150,000 on the ballot this March in order to begin a library-building fund. This fund will be used in future to build a facility that will meet the growing needs of Barrington's residents. The Library Trustees are seeking your support so we may begin to save now. Many town departments save annually for big-ticket items in order to lessen the burden on taxpayers; the library feels this a great way to plan ahead. The following data shows the reasons we are seeking to build a new facility and will answer some common questions about the project:



The library is full; we currently need 60% more space than we have to house the collection and services we provide.

- There is no room for growth; we had to discard over 1,700 items this year just to make room for new items
- Circulation has risen 230% since 1995 to over 55,000 items yearly
- Our collection has grown from 15,000 items to 28,000
- We have over 4,500 people in town with active library cards
- We serve an average of 100 people per day
- Meeting space is not large enough for the number of people attending events
- We fail to meet ADA requirements due to dead end ranges of shelving and over-crowding

How Will It Affect My Taxes?

- It will cost you less than 1 cent per thousand on your tax bill; the average card holding family uses about \$90.00 worth of library services a week!
- Saving over time will keep the tax burden low and allow for interest to accrue on the funds set aside for library construction

Where Will This New Library Be Located?

- The Library Trustees are committed to keeping the library in a location easily accessible to the public. They are exploring sites along the Rte 9 & 125 corridors.
- The Trustees are seeking tax-deductible donations of land in this area. (3-6 acres would be needed) This gift would benefit the town for years to come.

Why Build When We Just Renovated?

The renovation in 2000 was done as a stopgap measure to allow time for planning and financing a freestanding library building much needed by Barrington. Other financial needs had to be met, such as the Public Safety Building and the Middle School, and the library made do with what could be afforded. The renovation was done in way that other town offices could easily occupy this space once we have left. Our circulation has gone up 57% just since the 2000 renovation! We do story time for thousands of children a year, educational seminars for adults, and allow people to use our limited meeting space. There simply isn't enough room for the demands being placed upon the staff and collection.

Recreation Department News

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Good Time Gang

A time for you and your child to explore their world in a structured setting. Story time, music, crafts, art and friends

Ages: 18 months to 3 years (w/ parent participation)

Time: Mon/Wed 9am - 10am

Location: Discovery Center in the Town Hall Building, Province Lane, Barrington

Fee: \$10.00 per week - registering monthly

Discovery Program for Preschoolers & Kindergarteners

Come join us in the Discovery Room for a program full of fun and exciting activities for your child. Center based learning experiences. Music, Creative Arts, Story Time and lots of time to make new friends and PLAY!

Ages: 3 - 5 years

Time: Mon/Wed/Fri 10:30am - 1pm (drop off)

Location: Discovery Center in the Town Hall Building, Province Lane, Barrington

Fee: \$10.00 per day - registering monthly

Preschool Picassos

A tot-art class. Bring your budding artist along with a paint smock for both of you. We'll provide the rest of the stuff to create a new masterpiece every week. Session ends with an Art Exhibit displaying all of their works of art. Adult/

Parental supervision required.

Ages: 3 - 5 years

Time: Wednesdays 1:30pm—12:15pm

Location: Discovery Center in the Town Hall Building, Province Lane, Barrington

FEE: \$35.00 per 6 week session or \$7.00 drop-in fee

Current Session I: 1/7/05 through 2/14/05

Session II: 3/2/05 through 4/6/05

Session III: 4/20/05 through 5/25/05

Space is limited to 12.

Preschool Rumpus Room

Run! Jump! Tumble! Slide! Hop! Hide! Roll! Unstructured playtime. Providing a safe environment for your toddler to utilize their energy with other little people who have the same energy. Parental supervision required.

Ages: 6 months to 5 years

Time: Wednesdays for 10:30am - 11:30am

Location: Barrington Town Gym, Province Lane

Fee: \$2.00 per family drop in fee

This program ends May 25th for the summer and will resume in September.



SEASON STARTS
JUNE 27, 2005

2005 Summer Soccer Program

Who: Boys & Girls ages 4-14

When: Open Registration – Friday May 6th 6-8pm & Saturday May 7th 9-11am

Where: Barrington Town Gym

FEE: \$32.00 if registered by May 7th

\$35.00 if registered after May 7th

\$40.00 if registered after May 28th

\$5.00 sibling discount/\$85.00 maximum per family



COACHES NEEDED AT
ALL LEVELS! COACHING
CLINICS AVAILABLE!

SPRING LACROSSE

The recreation department would like to know if there is enough interest to form a Spring Lacrosse Program for boys and girls of all age levels. Please let us know by e-mailing us at recdept@metrocast.net or call us at 664-5224.

Barrington Winter Festival

*A HUGE and sincere thank
you goes to all of the
wonderful volunteers that
helped make the Winter
Festival possible..* 😊

Girl Scout Troop 2556
BMS Athletic Department
BMS Greenhill Team
Friends of the Barrington Rec Dept
The Barrington Rec Commission
The Barrington Public Library
Lemon Yellow Sun Foundation
Edges Outdoor Specialty Shop

And also.....

All of the Cook off Participants
Mark and Tina Daigneau 😊
Eric and Cheryl Ferm
Megan, Tyler and Brandon Ferm
Bob Selfe
Beth Watson
Nani O'Keefe
Mike Morrison
Rikki Easler
Kristi Foley
Diana Drew
Jim and Janel Bowden
David Frase
Taylor and Blake Frase

**and to all who came out and
supported the 3rd Annual
Barrington Winter Festival**

Congratulations to our

Cook off winners!!

Dan Hyatt - Chili Winner

Mira Frase - Death by

Chocolate Winner

YUMM!



Kids Kaos Workshop



The "Kween of Kids Kaos" Event Organizer **Cheryl Ferm** helps at the Lego Racing table - All of her hard work paid off for this wildly successful event- **THANKS CHERYL!**"

Congratulations to Texas Hold 'Em Winner Gerry Cote—first place winner for his Hold 'Em Skills at the Tournament sponsored by the non-profit group, Friends of the Barrington Rec Dept! Next Tournament to be held March 26th at the Sugar Shack. E-mail tammyhickey@metrocast.net for more details!

NIPPO LAKE GOLF CLUB HOSTS BONE MARROW DRIVE

On Saturday, May 21, 2005, Nippo Lake Golf Club will be hosting a Bone Marrow Drive in honor of Carsyn Gilloren, John and Tina Maiorino's 20 month old grand-niece who has just undergone a bone marrow transplant. Carsyn was lucky, her 4 year old sister Avery was her donor.

But did you know that more than 25,000 people in the US are diagnosed each year with a life-threatening disease that requires treatment with bone marrow or stem cell transplants AND nearly 70 percent of these patients must rely on an unrelated donor to offer them this precious gift of life. So, we ask that you join us on May 21st, Carsyn's 2nd birthday, between 10AM and 4PM and give the "GIFT OF LIFE".

Joining the national registry is a simple process becoming a volunteer donor is a serious commitment. Those who attend the drive and join the registry are asked to remain committed world, regardless of the patient's sex, age, race, ethnicity until their 61st birthday. **THIS COMMITMENT CAN MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH FOR THE PATIENT.**



There is a cost of \$65.00 per donor that goes to help towards the processing of the blood. It is our hope that with the support of the community drive so that there will be no cost to those of you who would like to be put on the registry. Anyone interested in making a donation payable to Nippo Lake Golf Club (MEMO - Bone Marrow Drive) and mail to Tina Maiorino, 550 Province Road, Barrington, NH 03825. To date we have collected \$200.

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So mark your calendars now, **May 21, 2005 - BONE MARROW DRIVE** at Nippo Lake Golf Club and join the national registry knowing that you might be giving someone the greatest gift of all, **THE GIFT OF LIFE.**

The First Congregational Church of Barrington is celebrating 250 years of service to the community.

Please check your attics with your friends and neighbors for anything of historical interest. We are interested in photos, artifacts, illustrations, memories, documents, illustrations, quilts or anything else you may have. All items can be photographed or copied and returned to you. Please call the Church office at 664-9340 or email office@ourfccb.org. Or you can stop by at 219 Route 9, Barrington.

The community is invited to the following celebration days:

Friday, March 25, 2005 - Good Friday Service for three Barrington Churches. Location & time to be announced.

Sunday, March 27, 2005 - Easter Sunrise Service at Ayers Lake. Easter Service at the Church 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, April 10, 2005 - Singspiration featuring Endless Priase and former pianist Judy Frase.

Sunday, April 24, 2005 - Visit by former Pastor Robert Swanson at the 9:45 a.m. service
(Pastor from 1963-1966) Luncheon following.

Sunday, May 15, 2005 - Visit by former Pastor Wayne Blanchard at the 9:45 a.m. service
(Pastor from 1988-1993) Luncheon following.

Saturday, June 18, 2005 4 p.m.-8 p.m. 250th Birthday celebration.

Activities for all ages. Children's activities, music, drama, food, crafts, displays and much, much more.

Sunday, June 19, 2005 - Final Celebration at a Special Sunday service at 9:45.

Keynote speaker, special guests and a luncheon afterwards.

Sunday, June 26, 2005 - Farewell Service for retiring Pastor Edward Whitman.

Please visit the church web site, <http://www.ourfccb.org>, or call the church office (664-9340) for up-to-date information on events and schedules.



Barrington Public Library News

Story Time Sessions

This session will run from March 14th-May 7th and sign ups will begin on February 14th. Sign up quickly as spaces fill fast. We will have the following slots open:

Mondays 10:30AM Ages 6 months-2 years old

Tuesdays 11:00AM Ages 3-4 years

Thursdays 11AM Ages 4-5 years

Alternating Saturdays beginning March 26th at 11AM for Ages 5-7

Preschool Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 19th 2005

Come and hear an Easter story and hunt for candy filled eggs!

Ages 1-3 at 11AM

Ages 4-6 at 1PM

Please, only ages listed may attend the designated time, as the smaller children need more time to toddle to find their eggs

March 22nd (Tuesday) 7PM **Slide Show** by Charter Weeks highlighting his recent trip to China.

Parenting Workshop

What Do You Do With The Mad That You Feel?

Wednesday, April 6th from 5:30-7PM

A workshop by Pat Von Waggoner of New Hampshire Public Television that will focus on how to help your child get through those times when anger wells up. This is for anyone who has ever experienced the dreaded temper tantrum!

Herbal Help For A More Comfortable Menopause

Tuesday, May 10 7-8:30 pm

Flashes and flushes and chills, oh my! Laughter, depression, and many long sighs! Menopause has been likened to the metamorphosis of a butterfly. This evening you'll hear about herbs that can help you through this amazing transition, from a menopausal herbalist! Come learn about black cohosh, red clover, motherwort, st. johnswort, shepherd's purse, dandelion, vitex and other exquisite plants that help ease women's menopausal journey. We'll talk about the most effective ways to use them; we'll also discuss herb/drug interactions.

Wendy Snow Fogg, founding director of Misty Meadows Herbal Center (1989) in Lee, NH has been studying and working with the healing plants for more than 20 years. She maintains a private herbal practice and teaching duties, as well as running the retail shop at Misty Meadows, a 160 acre farm where she lives with her husband, Clyde.

Library Trustee Meetings are now held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7PM in the library. The public is always welcomed.

Book Group

Adult Book Group will meet on Thursdays at 6pm

Thursday, March 24th— "Stolen Lives" by Malika Oufkir

Thursday April 28th—"We Need to Talk About Kevin" by Lionel Shriver

Thursday, May 26th - "Nickel and Dimed; Or (not) getting by in America" by Barbara Ehrenreich

Thursday, June 23rd—"The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini

Teen Dance

Friday, April 22nd from 7-9PM

Students in grades 7-9 are invited to join us in the Town Gym for a dance. Proceeds to benefit the Barrington Public Library. Admission is \$5.00 (or \$4.00 if you bring a canned good to donate to the food pantry). Barrington residents only.

Summer Reading Program...Begins June 25th!

March 26th (Saturday) **Free Movie Matinee** from 1-2:30PM Come and see the newest Disney release to DVD! This **Incredible** story of a family of super heroes will knock your socks off...good family film for all ages. Popcorn will be served.

Barrington Public Library presents A Knights Tale: a history of armor in the Middle Ages.

April 18th from 3:45-4:45 at the Barrington Middle School. This program is designed for ages 8 & up and includes an audience member getting dressed up in armor! Presented by the Higgins Armory of Worcester, MA.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The **Isinglass River Group** celebrated their own Winter Festival on February 19th! Enjoying the snow with family and friends, the Festival began at noon at the beautiful Gonic Trails of Turnkey on Rochester Neck Road and lasted until 7pm when the evening bonfire died down.

Sponsored by the Isinglass Local Advisory Committee, the Barrington and Rochester Recreation Departments, and Waste Management, the afternoon included many fun activities for all including ice skating, x-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice fishing demonstrations and much, much more. Hot drinks and food were provided to keep everyone warm. A Fun Time had by ALL!

The **Conservation Commission** strongly endorses two warrant articles appearing on this year's March ballot. Article 4, the \$800,000 open space warrant, and article 2, the new zoning ordinance warrant.

The Conservation Commission currently has about \$70,000 in its conservation fund. At the same time, we have been approached by several owners of critical parcels in town about the possibility of buying their development rights. At least one of these landowners, who wishes to remain anonymous, is on a fixed income and seems willing to sell their farm's development rights at a "bargain price." Obviously, passage of the open space warrant will give us the ability to enter into serious negotiations with these or other owners and to seek outside grants.

At the same time, while much of the best of Barrington is being turned into "checkerboard" housing developments, the planning board is asking you to approve another crucial warrant changing some of the town's zoning ordinances. These ordinances would encourage developers to create conservation/cluster subdivisions. In this type of development, houses are placed closer together on one part of the property while the remainder of the open space is left undeveloped. This is a relatively painless method for Barrington to maintain open space and more effectively create wildlife corridors connecting our few large parcels of permanently conserved land. Our current regulations do not allow for these types of developments. So, if you are concerned about where Barrington is going, please do come out and vote. As last year's 9 vote loss on the open space warrant shows, every vote is crucial.

Greetings from the Barrington Snow Goers!

Our landowner spaghetti supper in January was a success. Despite the bad weather (good weather, actually, from our perspective!), we had a decent turnout. We treated our landowners to a free dinner, and raised a little bit of money too. Thanks so much to the members that helped out with setup, cooking, cleanup and other chores. We would also like to thank Ken and Harriet Gowen of the Sugar Shack for all their help. And finally, thanks go out to the following businesses and individuals who donated goods and door prizes:

**Portsmouth Paper Company; Harvey's Bakeries of Dover; Dante's Pasta & Vino;
Chip-n-Run Grill; Edges Outdoor Specialty Shop; Rochester Sports Center
Ron & Ruth Machos**

Our 2005 maps are printed. Thanks to Ray Bailey for doing the printing, and to Art Athanasiou and his family for folding them! We were not able to mail a map to each member, but if you show your membership card at Morrison's Cycle/Ski-Doo on Route 9 in Madbury, you can get one at no cost. You can also get them at meetings and events. Otherwise, they are available for sale at various businesses in town. Please take note of the advertisers. These businesses support the club, so consider giving them your business when the opportunity presents itself. Our trailmaster would like to thank all the members who helped out with trail work in the fall, and who operated our two groomers when there was snow this season. We all appreciated your efforts!

At our December meeting, we voted to donate \$250 to the Barrington food pantry for the second time this season. New Hampshire snowmobilers also have a long history of raising money for Easter Seals. Our club joined many other snowmobile clubs from around the state and gave \$500 at the NHSA Ride-in in Gorham in February. We are proud to help our local community, and we thank our members who give so generously.

The Barrington Snow Goers meet on the second Wednesday of every month (September - April) at the Barrington Elementary School on Route 125 (between Calef's and the cinema) at 7:00pm.

For More Information including purchasing sweatshirts and caps visit www.snowgoers.org.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

JUMPSTART TO LITERACY IS SUCCESSFUL

Jumpstart to Literacy, the program that provides a book to each family of a local preschool child, is meeting with remarkable success. Coordinated by the Barrington School Foundation, this initiative has already sent three children's books to approximately 150 families.

"The Little Engine That Could," "Good Night Moon," and "Can You Sleep, Little Bear?" were sent every other month beginning in September 2004 and continuing through January 2005. "Millions of Cats" will be sent to registered families in March.

Funded thus far by the Barrington School Foundation, Title I, and the Walker Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Fund, the March installment has been generously donated by Carolyn and Pat Bedford of Ayers Lake Farm on Route 202.

Jumpstart to Literacy is available to any Barrington family with a child five years old or younger who has not yet entered the Barrington public school system. To register, call the Superintendent's Office at 664-2715.

TEN-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL ON TRACK

Plans for Barrington to have its own public high school by the year 2014 remain on track with the inclusion of a separate Warrant Article being considered by the voters. This Warrant Article calls for the addition of \$100,000 to the High School Capital Reserve Fund that was established in 2004.

Originally funded from \$100,000 of interest received on the construction bond for the new middle school, the 2005 Warrant Article includes another \$94,000 in interest and up to an additional \$6,000 from any surplus that may be available at the end of the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Both the Barrington School Board and the Advisory Budget Committee unanimously support this proposal. Voters will cast their ballots on March 8 at the Elementary School.

The ten-year plan calls for the addition of funds to the Capital Reserve Fund each year in order to reduce the burden on local taxpayers when the decision is reached to build the new high school. The Barrington School District already owns the land for the high school. It is located on the 120 acre plot that was purchased in 2002 to accommodate both the new middle school and the high school. Approximately 20 acres have been used for the middle school and adjoining fields. South of that facility is approximately 40 acres of designated wetlands. The high school will be built south of the wetlands and will border the Mallego River.

NEW CONTRACT FOR TEACHERS SETTLED

A new four-year Master Agreement between the Barrington School Board and the Barrington Education Association, Inc. was announced recently. Based on an annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) this agreement covers the period from September 2005 through August 2009. Final approval of the contract is at the discretion of the town's voters who will cast their ballots on Tuesday, March 8, 2005. This will be listed as a separate Warrant Article. If the Article passes this year, the full four years of the contract will be honored.

The COLA salary adjustment is based on the Boston area Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the federal government. The Boston area market includes Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. In the first year of the agreement, if approved, teachers will receive only the COLA that was 3.3% at the time of the negotiations. The final number has not yet been set. In the second year, teachers will receive the COLA plus 1%; in the third year, COLA plus 1.5%; in the fourth year, COLA plus 2%.

The agreement between the two groups includes a minimum annual COLA of 2% and a maximum COLA of 5%. Teachers will also continue to contribute up to 30% of the cost associated with health insurance premiums. The District currently offers the choice of four health insurance plans provided by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. If this contract is approved, the most expensive plan, JY Managed Care, will no longer be available to new employees.

MORE TOWN NEWS...

A Nostalgic Look at Barrington With Hope in the Offing

How many of you reading this are “old timers” who can actually remember Barrington from 50 or more years ago? You know that Barrington once had many winding dirt roads that were certainly quite narrow by today’s standards. Do you remember how these roads were so gracefully protected by the intertwining arches of beautiful old Sugar Maples? There were the lovely working farms with their fields defined with miles of stonewalls following the curves, the hills and dips in the road like a very long knobby caterpillar. Barrington was famous also for its many tall majestic old pine trees, ships’ masts for the King of England long ago, interspersed with colorful oaks, maples and birches. These trees stood in thousands of acres of forest lands, providing a home for even the very “wildest” of wildlife. All of this was once taken for granted here in Barrington. Pristine lakes, rivers, and ponds dot our landscape and in fact the recreational and soul-restoring offerings of these waterways was a major drawing card for many visitors during the summers...and still is, although the waters are not quite so pristine anymore.

Although Barrington’s “rural” classification has now been updated to “suburban,” Barrington still contains a magnificent natural heritage, which today is like a magnet to so many coming from “wherever” to partake of that now somewhat fractured rural experience. Lest you be left with only large sighs of sadness over this picture of a once rural utopia still loved by so many and thought for the most part to be gone forever, please read on... there is hope in the offering.

Barrington is blessed with some very active volunteers who serve on the Barrington Conservation Commission (BCC), the Natural Heritage Committee (NHC), and a “grass roots organization”, the Barrington Open Space Coalition (BOSC). These three groups are primarily focused on preserving Barrington’s precious rural character wherever, whenever and however possible. There are in actuality still a number of large open spaces and waterways remaining in town that look the same as they did well over 50 years ago! These are the targets upon which these active volunteers have keenly set their sites on preserving for posterity. Currently in the preservation process now in Barrington are some lovely old farm fields and woods in addition to some important wetland and pond areas. A vision held by the NHC is of several un-fragmented “greenbelts” totaling many hundreds of acres and encompassing some of the still remaining water-rich and wildlife areas and farmlands in Barrington. If these areas are not protected NOW they too will disappear forever! That fact is obvious now more than ever.

There fortunately exist several “tried and true” procedures and tools that can be used to preserve these rural lands forever, and many landowners in Barrington have wisely been utilizing them for years. A Conservation Easement is the major tool through which landowners have either generously donated their lands or have been recipients of funds that pay the landowners for the development rights to their lands. Barrington is extremely grateful to these landowners, whose farsighted actions have kept, and will continue to keep, the vision and rural heritage of Barrington alive and well for all to benefit from in the years to come.

On Sunday afternoon, February 20, a very special ceremony honoring the many wise landowners gifted with this vision and the courage to act upon it, will take place at the Barrington Town Hall at 2:00 pm. A beautiful plaque solely dedicated to their actions with the names of each landowner carved in brass will be unveiled for all to see. The plaque will reside in the Barrington Town Hall and the name of each landowner who chooses to follow the path of those before them will be added to it. There will be refreshments and short talks by Dr. Robert Eckert, Professor of Environmental Conservation in the Department of Natural Resources at UNH; Robert Edmonds, Head of the statewide Forestry and Wildlife Programs at UNH Cooperative Extension; and Marika Wilde, Co-Chairperson of the Barrington Natural Heritage Committee. A Barrington Town Official will present the Plaque on behalf of the Town. Each talk will be in honor of these very special landowners who will be present to receive justly deserved accolades. The citizens of Barrington are also invited to join in the festivities making this a most memorable occasion.

You too can become one of the very successful team of volunteers helping to preserve Barrington’s rural character. For the BCC, please call John Wallace at 664-5974; for the NHC, call Marika Wilde at 664-5195; and for BOSC, call John Pontius at 664-8947.



TAKE A CHILD TO THE COURSE

The 5th Annual “Take a Child to the Course” hosted by Nippo Lake Golf Club will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2005. TAKE A CHILD TO THE COURSE is an opportunity to introduce a child to the game of golf and help promote golf as a lifetime activity. This nine-hole event will feature activities by age group using forward tees. The event is open to the public and tee times beginning at noon will be limited on a first come first serve basis. There will be no charge for children 17 years of age and younger. NLGC non-member adults will be charged \$15.00. There is a limited supply of youth golf clubs available so please try to acquire a set of clubs for your child prior to the event. We ask that you arrive at Nippo Lake Golf Club 45 minutes prior to your tee time for basic instructions on the golf range and practice putting green. A barbecue will be ongoing during the event. Applications for the event will be available at www.nippolake.com on March 1, 2005 and area schools the beginning of May.

BARRINGTON SUMMER CAMPS

2005 BARRINGTON SUMMER DAY CAMP



8 weeks - June 27, 2005 through August 19, 2005

9th Week (June 20-24, 2005) and

10th Week (August 22-26, 2005) - optional -
no field trips these weeks
(9th week contingent on Last day of School)



Start preparing for summer and Save the registration date!

Last year this camp filled quickly so don't miss out.

Barrington Resident Registration Date:

Saturday, March 5th 9am - noon at the Barrington Town Gym

Non Resident Registration Date: Open after March 5th.

FEE: \$375.00 R/\$450.00 NR (Field Trips additional)

NEW for 2005 - Preschool Summer Day Camp

The perfect program for your preschooler's summer needs!

Each week our preschool summer recreation program will explore a new theme through recreational games, sports, simple, creative arts and crafts, cooperative games, independent play and more! Activities will all center on helping the children adjust to a structured program, to cooperate among peer groups and to follow simple directions while having fun.

Program runtime: June 27th – August 19th

Ages: Boys and Girls ages 3 - 5

Days: Monday – Friday

Time: 9am – noon

Fee Options: Full 8 week Summer Program Fee = (R) \$240.00 / (NR) \$320.00

Weekly Summer Program Fee = (R) \$60.00 / (NR) \$75.00

Registration Date: For Residents – Saturday, March 5, 2005 9am – noon Town Gym

Registration Date: Non Residents – open after March 6, 2005

Registration Forms available on line at www.barrington.nh.gov

2005

Lessons; Adult Beginning Clinics; Junior Golf Camps

Nippo Lake Golf Club, Barrington, NH

Call Golf Shop #: 603-664-7616

Rick Rogers' #: 603-269-3110

or visit our website www.nippolake.com

for information and applications



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SPRING FITNESS CLASSES

Mornings: Monday/Wednesday/Friday
9am - 10am

Instructor's Choice: Aerobics, Step, Kickboxing, Weight Training

Evening: Tuesday
6pm - 7pm

Strength Training w/Amy

Location: Town Gym, Province Lane, Barrington

Spring Session: M/W/F 9-10am: 2/28/05 through 4/8/05
(6 weeks \$40.00 prepay or \$5.00 drop in)

Tue 6-7pm: 3/15/05 through 5/17/05
(10 weeks \$25.00 prepay or \$5.00 drop in)